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Why is it that when it is too hot for husband to go to church Sunday morning he will go out to the garage and work on the automobile all morning?

AUGUST 10 IN MISSOURI

Admission to the Union and the battle of Wilson's creek during the Civil War, are the two important events in the history of Missouri of which August 10 is the anniversary.

August 10 is a sort of second birthday of the state. It is the anniversary of the legal date of her admission to the Union, although a default state government was established July 19, 1820. But certain references in the constitution of 1820 to the slavery question were unsatisfactory to Congress and official recognition of the new state was delayed. At last one of Henry Clay's compromises was made, a new constitutional convention was held, and on August 10, 1821, the admission was completed. Missouri celebrated the event as a great victory over eastern politicians whom they regarded as having meddled in the affairs of this state.

But the next event in Missouri history was not one to cause celebration. It occurred when Missourians were engaged in factional strife and the entire nation was threatened with disruption. Only a comparatively small number of troops were engaged and many of the guns were old fashioned even for that day.

But with all the viciousness into which brave men degenerate when engaged in the bloody business of battle, the two lines approached within a few yards of each other to fight and kill. General Lyons, the Union commander, who gave promise of a great career as a soldier, was killed, and his body forgotten and left by his defeated soldiers, and sent next day to Springfield by his gallant foe, General Price.

It has been said that Indiana furnishes the United States with Vice-Presidents. This time it has given us twins.

WHAT THANKS DO YOU GIVE?

(From the Cleveland Press)
She spent a long, hot hour getting it. And you thought it was a fine meal. But did you take a second to tell her so?

Maybe she was so pleased watching you enjoy her cooking that she didn't eat much herself. (Notice the women who do the cooking in hot weather, and you'll see they haven't much appetite.) But she was quick to see you needed a second helping.

Maybe, when you finished, you lighted your cigar, picked up the evening paper, and went out on the front porch. And you felt perfectly complacent in the assurance that you had completed a good day's work.

But her work was not done. She had to go out into the stuffy kitchen and spend another hour over the steaming dishpan.

And she didn't even get a tip for her trouble.

Not that she wanted it. What she wanted was something like this:

"Gee, Flo, that was a dandy dinner. Bet nobody on the street had a better."

What will your little word of appreciation mean to her?

The difference between tears and smiles over that measly dishpan; the difference between a song mixed with the rattling of the dishes, and a sob hidden by the scouring of the kettles. Such a little thing for you to say, so much for her to hear.

Women are like that. Did you ever stop to think, man, that unless you take a little pains to put some joy into the life of the woman who is your wife, she isn't going to have any too much of it?

The Shelbina Torchlight carries an ad claiming a sure killer for bed-bugs. What a calamity it would be if two neighbor women should happen to meet in the store after the same remedy.

And now the shark plague is blamed on the gulf stream. All the shark plague explanations sound fishy to us. —Joplin News-Herald.

The Open Column

That City Hall Lot.

Editor the Missouriian: The financial condition of Columbia was never so favorable. Only four years ago the city was heavily in debt. It owed nearly \$8,000 in current revenue bonds and endless bills. Today the city has a balance in the general revenue fund of nearly \$33,000. Two years ago the budget system was adopted by the City Council and doubtless this has had a great deal to do with the change.

But \$33,000 is too much money to have in the treasury. Better than \$33,000 in debt, of course, but the purpose of the city is not to make money nor to lose money. There should be more nearly a balance between revenue and appropriations.

Columbia needs a new City Hall and needs it bad. Last fall Mayor Battenton called a mass meeting of citizens to determine the sentiment on this question. If that meeting was representative, and we believe it was, the citizens feel that the time has come when the city should own its own home. Nothing, however, has been done in the matter since.

While the city's finances are in such good condition the council should make a start on that city hall. It may be argued that there are other things the city needs worse just now. But at least the site for the building should be purchased soon. This should have been done years ago. Lots favorably located for such a building are not plentiful. Every month it is postponed choice sites get scarcer and consequently higher in price.

The City Council will assure a better location and save the city money if it will buy the site now. H. T.

Sayings of the Week

This can be said of Hughes—he hews to the line.—Carrollton Republican-Record

Germany may "come back" but the probability of it is lessening with every Allied gain.—Trenton Republican-Tribune.

By the way, what has become of our esteemed fellow citizen and gum shoer, Colonel House?—Chillicothe Tribune.

These are the days when the folks haul out the old automobile and go to the horse races.—Wichita (Kansas) Beacon.

The trouble in this country is not with the "peace-at-any-price" advocates, but with those who are apparently for war at any cost.—Armstrong Herald.

Remember the bad candidate is not improved by the ballot of the good man.—Pemiscon Argus.

GUNTER WOULD BE GOVERNOR

Former Justice Seeks Nomination on Colorado Democratic Ticket.

By United Press.
DENVER, Colo., Aug. 9.—The Democratic assembly met here yesterday to nominate presidential electors and a state ticket. Julius C. Gunter, former justice of the Colorado supreme court, was practically unopposed for the nomination for governor. Six adherents of Woodrow Wilson will be named as presidential electors.

By obtaining a 10 per cent vote in today's assembly candidates are "designated" for places on the ballot at the state primary September 12 when the real fight is staged. The various candidates named by the different parties will be finally voted on in the general election of November 7.

Delegates for today's assembly were elected July 29 in the county assemblies. Mass primaries July 22 elected the delegates to the county conventions.

Candidates for Congress are to be nominated in the congressional assembly which will meet immediately following adjournment of the state convention.

SODA FOUNTAINS ON TRAINS NOW

Railroad Management Finds Soft Drink Stand Pleases Travelers.

By United Press.
CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Soda water fountains are now part of the equipment of passenger trains. Ices, sodas, sodas, frappes and other delicacies—accessories of the fountain are being served on through trains of the Burlington railroad running out of Chicago.

"Dining and lounging cars are supplied with these fountains," said P. S. Eustis, passenger traffic manager, today.

"The fountains are proving very popular with tourists and travelers. They have already proven a financial success."

All Alone! All Alone!

By United Press.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 9.—The Republicans were holding a state convention here today. Owing to the fact that 99 out of every 100 Texans usually boast "they never scratched a Democratic ticket," it was expected to be rather a lonesome affair.

COST OF A MACADAM ROAD IS TOO GREAT

Uncle Sam Says it Won't Pay in the Small City or Rural Byways.

METHOD IS CHANGED

Porus Roadbed, Light Grades and Few Curves Is the Advice Given.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—"The Macadam Road," said the United States Office of Public Roads today, "is particularly adapted to main highways connecting centers of population, but is not satisfactory for city streets and is too expensive for rural roads other than main highways or pikes." The department has been investigating.

From twelve to fifteen feet is recommended as a suitable width, provided the road is flanked on each side with firm shoulders from three to five feet wide, to prevent shearing of the sides by wheels.

The Macadam method of road construction was first introduced about the beginning of the nineteenth century in England by a Scotchman named John Loudon MacAdam.

The chief features of this construction, which has since become one of the foremost methods of road-building in every country of the world, are: a raised, thoroughly drained, and crowned earth foundation; a sub-surface of broken-stone fragments, not larger than 2 1/2 inches in diameter and of uniform size; a surface binding of stone dust and screenings.

Method Is Now Modified.

During the last forty years this method has been modified and the stone fragments are graduated in size with the coarser stones at the bottom.

Recently various bituminous preparations have been added to the surface of binders. Heavy, petroleum oils, asphalts, bituminous cements and tar mixtures are now used largely for this purpose. The addition of some such binding material renders the road impervious to the damaging action of water and forms a hard, smooth resilient surface.

Although it formerly was thought necessary to surface the road with a layer of macadam from eight to twelve inches in depth, Uncle Sam's road experts declared the surface should be as thin as is consistent with durability—not over six inches deep in any case and often only three. This saving of surfacing material greatly lowers the cost of the road, without detracting from its wearing qualities in the least, they contend.

Roadbed Should Be Porous.

The roadbed should be porous material, well-drained, and should be free from clay or loam.

Grades exceeding 6 feet to every 100 feet of road are considered excessive for heavy traffic. Curves with less than 200 foot radius should be avoided. Build around the slope of a hill—not over it. Build as straight as possible, always considering grade first. A special recommendation is made by the Office of Public Roads that the surface crossing of railroad tracks be eliminated by culverts or overhead bridges.

Trap rock is considered by the Government experts as the best for road-building purposes, although some granites and the harder limestones give good results. The United States Office of Public Roads tests samples of rock submitted to it without charge, and furnishes advice as to the fitness of any kind of sample for roadbuilding.

The Cost Varies.

The cost is entirely dependent on local conditions and the availability of materials. However, an estimate of the cost of the macadam surface, foundation and drainage costs eliminated, places the average expenditure, where

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ON THE PRETTY MOREAU RIVER

Imported trap rock is used, at approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 a mile for a fifteen-inch road with an average depth of five inches. Where a good local stone is immediately available the cost of the surface may be as low as \$1500 to \$3000 a mile.

In Massachusetts, the actual cost of imported trap rock, in place and rolled was \$1.70 a ton, covering 3.13 square yards of surface at 5 inches in depth. Local stone was secured in this instance at \$1.22 a ton.

Construction of macadam roads as of any other kind, in the opinion of the U. S. Road bureau, should always be under the direction of an experienced road engineer, if the best results are to be obtained.

HERE'S ANOTHER SENATE JOKE

Senators Stone and Penrose Discuss the Turkish Ambassador.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—When the Senate goes into executive session, all is solemn and serious. For instance, this story leaks out:

"May I ask what sort of man the nominee is?" asked Senator Penrose of Senator Stone when Abram Elkus was up for confirmation as Turkish Ambassador.

"A liberal, intelligent, generous-minded man," said Stone.

"I hope he'll not forget to be liberal in the coming campaign," said Penrose.

"Patriotism should dictate his course," replied Stone.

BLAND CLAIMS LEAD OF 10,176

Figures Compiled From Poll Books Show He Carried 28 Counties.

Figures taken from the pollbooks by Ewing C. Bland show Mr. Bland's lead over M. J. Lilly, his nearest opponent for the Democratic nomination for member of the Kansas City Court of Appeals to be 10,176. Mr. Bland's figures show he carried twenty-eight counties.

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Anthracocoruncula Is Moved.

By United Press.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 9.—Anthracocoruncula, phaeoconacummunis, asabaenusuorunatus, phalaceoconacummunis, anguillaecutorobis, and najatripoddens have all been moved. They formerly occupied space near each other in Pillsbury hall, University of Minnesota. Now they have been put in the new biology building. They are skeletons of pre-historic animals.

Rensselaer Hottest Indiana Town.

It has been so hot in Rensselaer, Ind., the past few weeks that the residents have moved to their cellars. The only trouble with the new plan comes in when the matter of food is under discussion. While in the cellar the people want soup to eat but when they go to their kitchens to prepare it they change their mind and make ice cream. Rensselaer one day last week was the hottest town in Indiana.

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"What's new on Broadway? Where do the Columbia Browns stand? What's going on around the campus and fire department?" are some of the questions shouted at any fellow lucky enough to get a paper from a friend at home.

The Missouriian announces that for \$1.00 it will send every weekday and Sunday issue of this newspaper to any soldier on the border, for the complete period of his service there.

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